

To: Participants – **Nanomechanical Testing in Materials Research and Development Conference**  
(<http://www.engconfintl.org/11al.html>)

**Please read this information** as it may help answer questions you may have. The conference web site listed above also contains information (both program and tourist) that you may wish to review before you leave for the conference.

### **Conference program**

The final program can be downloaded at [www.engconfintl.org/11al.html](http://www.engconfintl.org/11al.html)

**The conference** will begin on Sunday, October 9 at the **Gran Melia Salinas** in Costa Teguisse, Lanzarote. Check-in for registrants will begin at 3:00 pm. For those who arrive at the hotel earlier in the day, room keys will be given out as rooms become available. There will be a welcome reception at 6:00 pm and dinner is scheduled for 7:00 pm. Following dinner, at 8:30 pm, the technical session will begin. All room locations will be posted.

### **Conference Hotel Information**

**Gran Melia Salinas**, Costa Teguisse, 35508 Lanzarote, Spain  
Phone: +34-928-590-040 - Fax: +34-928-591232

By registering for the conference, your hotel room for the nights of Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (October 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13) is included in the registration fee. The conference concludes with lunch on Friday, October 14.

### **Transportation to the Gran Melia Salinas**

Unless you have rented a car, please go to the taxi area at the airport.

### **Travel delays**

If your plane is late or you are otherwise delayed, I would appreciate a telephone call (cell phone: +1-914-484-7349) and/or an email ([Barbara@engconfintl.org](mailto:Barbara@engconfintl.org)). The hotel is completely sold out and thus it is important to know if you will not arrive as planned on Sunday.

### **Bringing a guest at the last moment?**

If you decide to bring a guest at the last moment, you must contact Kathy at ECI ([kathy@engconfintl.org](mailto:kathy@engconfintl.org)) and pay for your guest.

### **Weather**

The average high temperature for the week of October 9 should be in the mid 80s (F) while the average low should be in the high 60s (F) in the Heredia area. ([www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)) Bring appropriate clothing as well as sun block and insect repellent. Don't forget your swimsuit!

### **Internet Access**

Free wireless Internet access is available in the public areas of the hotel, Whether or not you will have wireless access in your bedroom depends on the location of the room.

### **Technical Sessions**

The room where the technical sessions will be held is air conditioned and so will be much cooler than outside. Be prepared for the temperature difference.

### **Notes for Speakers**

A computer projector and PC laptop are provided. For ease of transition between speakers, we would prefer that you load your presentation on the conference computer that ECI is providing. **All presentations must be loaded prior to the session.** Christoph Kirchlechner from the University of Leoben will be in charge of the AV and will be available to assist speakers.

Be sure to bring a very brief biography for session chair introductions.

It is vital that you keep to your given time – and please be certain that you leave enough time for questions/discussion. Keeping in the tradition of these conferences, please be available during the conference to participants for questions and discussion. Meals and social hours are perfect for discussion.

### **Poster Presenters**

A sketch of the poster “board” is on the website. We expect to have poster boards ready on Sunday evening and will provide tape for mounting the posters.

### **For accompanying guests/family**

Please inform your guest that although conference participants have an early breakfast before the morning sessions, breakfast is available until about 10:30 am.

### **Optional Excursion**

We assume that everyone will be joining the excursion on Wednesday afternoon. We'll eat our boxed lunches at the first stop (overlooking the ocean) on the way to **Timanfaya National Park**, an awesome volcanic landscape that has barely changed since its eruption in the 1730s and covers a quarter of the island's surface. We'll see some demonstrations that will make it quite clear how hot the area beneath our feet is and see the El Diablo restaurant where cooking is done on a grill, which is placed over a hole where the thermal heat cooks the food. From there we will go to the **Cesar Manrique Foundation/Museum of Contemporary Art** – the former celebrates the life of the local Lanzarote artist, Cesar Manrique, and the latter has many works by notable artists, including Picasso.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- If you have any special dietary needs (e.g., vegetarian, allergies, etc.) that you didn't communicate to us on your registration form, please be sure to send Kathy Chan an email (kathy@engconfintl.org) so that this information can be communicated to the hotel. Breakfasts and dinners are buffet so you will have choices (and the dishes are labeled). Most lunches are served. Vegetarians will be given a card to identify themselves to the wait staff at the sit-down meals. Please retain this card all week.
- A conference evaluation/questionnaire will be distributed electronically on Wednesday or Thursday. Please complete and return it as your comments will be very useful to ECI and the chairs of future conferences in this series.
- We suggest that you use Skype, your cellular telephone or a calling card as telephone calls from hotels can be quite expensive.
- Please turn off (or turn to vibrate) your cell phone during technical sessions.
- Audio taping, videotaping and photography of presentations are prohibited.
- Smoking is not allowed at any conference functions.
- Be sure to make any corrections to your name/contact information on the Master Participant List or confirm that the listing is correct. A corrected copy will be sent to all participants after the conference.
- Internet is available in public areas. Room location will determine availability in bedrooms.
- Dress code at ECI conferences is casual.

### **ECI Site Staff**

I (**Barbara Hickernell**) will be the ECI staff representatives on site.

### **Last minute questions?**

Through Friday, contact the ECI office at +1-212-514-6760. I will be at the hotel by Saturday afternoon. If you need to contact me, my cell phone number is 1-914-484-7349.

We all look forward to your participation and thank conference chair **Gerhard Dehm** and his organizing committee, **George Pharr**, **Nigel Jennett**, **Johann Michler**, **Christian Motz**, **Sang Ho Oh**, and **Alexander Hartmaier** for all their hard work and dedication in putting together this conference.

We wish you a safe trip and an intellectually stimulating conference.

Best wishes,

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